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COUNTRY <u>Germany (Soviet Zone)</u>	REPORT
TOPIC <u>Volkspolizei in Loebau</u>	
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1. The barracks installation in Loebau has been occupied to capacity by VP units, allegedly totaling 3,000 police, since 15 January 1951. Included among the units was a so-called VP planning Kommando which moved into the installation as early as the beginning of January. One VP officer von Witzleben, (fnu), with a rank equivalent to that of lieutenant colonel, belonged to the officer corps of the units. Four Soviet officers were allegedly attached to the units as instructors. *
2. Intensive training activity was observed with the VP units in February. Police practiced with light and heavy machine guns and mortars in the area east of Loebau as far as Rosenhain and the Rotstein. Intensive firing practice was held at the Rotstein range.
3. [redacted] three tanks were unloaded at the Loebau freight yard and driven to the VP barracks installation during the nights of 31 January and 1 February. During the period of unloading the railroad station and the street lights were centrally switched off and the streets leading to the barracks installation cordoned off by police until the tanks had entered the installation. The tanks allegedly came from the direction of Goerlitz.

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[redacted] Comment.

VP Inspekteur von Witzleben, (fnu), who holds a rank equivalent to that of colonel rather than lieutenant colonel, was [redacted] identified as director of training at the VP school for tactical training, Kochstedt [redacted]

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